

The Dogs Who Saved Their Master

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Hunter: Hello everyone. I'm a hunter! These are my dogs, Four-Eyes, Bear Killer, and Long Tooth.

[Dogs bark in unison]

Hunter: We just found the tracks of a mysterious animal, and we're going to follow them.

[Hunter looks at dogs]

Hunter: Alright you doggies! Let's go hunting!

[Dogs bark in unison and follow hunter as he moves across stage. Hunter indicates tracks of a strange animal.]

[Dogs whimper and growl in fear. They try to lead the hunter away.]

Long Tooth: [Sniffs tracks] These tracks are dangerous. We should turn back.

Bear Killer: [Sniffs the air] I smell danger in the air. We should stop.

Hunter: Nonsense! You guys are the best hunters in the whole world! I'm sure you can take care of whatever made the tracks. Besides, I'm curious on what the animal is.

[Hunter walks on. Dogs reluctantly follow]

[Hunter and dogs walk until they find a place where the monster lives. Monster emerges, growling and roaring.]

Hunter: Oh my god!!! What the heck is that... that... that... THING!?!?!? [Shoots arrows at monster but misses all of his shots.] Oh God. I'M OUTTA ARROWS!!!

[Hunter collapses to the ground in fear]

[Four-Eyes runs to Hunter's side.]

Four-Eyes: Hunter, you have been kind to us for many years. Now it is time for us to return that debt. Run away quickly. We will try to hold the beast here.

[Hunter nods and runs off stage.]

[Dogs and monster fight until Long Tooth is killed by the monster. Dogs retreat, taking Bear Killer's body with them. Monster runs off in the direction of the hunter]

Dogs: Aww... Poor Long Tooth...

Bear Killer: We must protect the hunter. I will go on ahead and tell him to keep running. You should track the monster.

[Dogs separate and go off-stage. Hunter emerges again and collapses on the ground in exhaustion.]

Hunter: I can't go any more! [Hears a growl from in the distance] What am I going to do?

[Dogs appear on stage and go to the hunter.]

Four-Eyes: Hunter, the monster has killed one of my brothers, Long Tooth. You must run back to the village. My brothers and I will try to hold it back.

Hunter: I will do as you say, good doggy. [Hunter runs off-stage.]

[Dogs walk around the stage. Monster sneaks up from behind them and bangs their heads together. Four-Eyes falls unconscious and Bear Killer dies.]

Four-Eyes: [Groggily] Uh... Where am I? [Sees Bear Killer] Ah! Bear Killer!

[Four-Eyes sniffs body until he finds out Bear Killer is dead. He whimpers and goes offstage after the hunter.]

[Hunter runs on stage again. He collapses.]

Hunter: I'm so tired! How am I supposed to keep running?

[Four-Eyes appears on stage.]

Four-Eyes: Ah! There you are. Hunter, you must run. I am the only one left now, and the monster comes close.

Hunter: Four-Eyes, I am weary from all of this running. I cannot run anymore.

[Four-Eyes pounds Hunter's feet]

Four-Eyes: Hunter, by pounding your feet, I have given you new strength. It is part of our medicine. Now, you must run quickly. I will do my best to stop the monster. However, I have two things to ask of you.

[Hunter nods.]

Hunter: Ask anything and I will try to do it.

Four-Eyes: If you escape, please come back and gather the bones of us to give us a proper burial. Also, please take care of my wife. She is currently owned by the heavy-footed one in your village who does not know how to hunt. If you care for my wife, you may see my brothers and me again.

Hunter: Thank you, Four-Eyes. I will do as you say.

[Hunter runs towards the burning fires of his village]

Hunter: Oh! There's my village!

[Monster suddenly appears and attacks Hunter, but Four-Eyes suddenly intervenes and cuts monster off. Monster and Four-Eyes fight with each other.]

[Hunter runs into village and tells villagers what happened]

Hunter: And then the monster killed my poor dog! And then.....

[Suddenly, a cry from Four-Eyes splits the air. Villagers run back to their houses in fear.]

Hunter: Oh... Four-Eyes... I should go get his bones for burial.

[After a while]

Hunter: [Gasps] It is the body of poor Bear Killer! [Drags Bear Killer to side of stage.]

[After a while]

Hunter: Aww... Poor Long Tooth. [Drags Long Tooth to side of stage.]

Hunter: Speaking of which, I should go to Heavy Foot now.

[Hunter returns to village. After burying the bones of his dogs, the Hunter goes to house of Heavy-Foot.]

Hunter: Heavy-Foot, I would like to pay you this much for your dog. [Hands out a \$100 bill]

[Heavy-Foot shakes his head.]

Hunter: How about this much? [Holds out two \$100 bills]

Heavy-Foot: [Shakes his head] Hunter, you truly cannot be joking. [Rubs his fingers together]

Hunter: I was hoping you wouldn't be like that... Alright then. [Hands out a wad of \$100 bills]

Heavy-Foot: Oh! Very well. You may have her.

[Hunter returns home and cares for Four-Eyes' wife.]

Hunter: Here's some food and water...

[After a while, the dog has puppies.]

Hunter: Oh look! You have puppies!

[One puppy, who looks like Four-Eyes, looks at the Hunter and barks/woofs.]

[After everyone goes offstage, Heavy-Foot comes up on stage again. He is counting the money he got from the Hunter.]

Heavy-Foot: Hmm... twenty, twenty-one... hmm... Wait, this is all counterfeit! AHH!!!

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